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REMARKS

The pending Claims are 1-16. No Claims have been added or deleted. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended by merely adding the accidentally omitted Gardner value (11, from page 8, line 19, page 13, line 9, and Table 5 of the originally filed specification), as well as clarifying the Markush language and properly defining the protecting compound from step "b" of Claim 2, all as requested by the Office. No new matter has been added as these amendments are merely clarifications and change nothing in terms of the subject matter. The prior indefiniteness rejections are thus now moot.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby submit a proper Terminal Disclaimer to remove the obviousness-type double patenting rejection as well. Thus, no art rejections remain over the pending claims, either.

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CONCLUSION

In view of all of the amendments and remarks above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and it is requested that this application be passed on to issue.

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